Diana Hynek 06/23/2006

Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer Office of the Chief Information Officer 14th and Constitution Ave. NW. Room 6625 Washington, DC 20230

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for the extension of approval of an information collection received on 04/10/2006.

TITLE: Application for Commission in the NOAA Officer

Corps

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): 56-42,56-42A,56-42D

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

OMB NO.: 0648-0047

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/30/2009

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	600	184	5
New	600	184	5
Difference	0	0	0
Program Change	e	0	0
Adjustment		0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

NOTE: The agency is required to display the OMB control number and inform respondents of its legal significance (see 5 CFR 1320.5(b)).

OMB Authorizing Official Title

John F. Morrall III Acting Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's

Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. 1. Agency/Subagency originating request 2. OMB control number b. [ ] None 3. Type of information collection (*check one*) Type of review requested (check one) Regular submission a. [ b. [ Emergency - Approval requested by \_\_\_\_ a. [ ] New Collection Delegated b. [ ] Revision of a currently approved collection c. [ ] Extension of a currently approved collection 5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? [ ] Yes [ ] No d. [ ] Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. [ ] Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired 6. Requested expiration date f. [ ] Existing collection in use without an OMB control number a. [ ] Three years from approval date b. [ ] Other Specify: For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions 7. Title 8. Agency form number(s) (if applicable) 9. Keywords 10. Abstract 11. Affected public (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x") 12. Obligation to respond (check one) a. \_\_Individuals or households d. \_\_\_Farms
b. \_\_Business or other for-profite. \_\_\_Federal Government ] Voluntary Business or other for-profite. Federal Government

Not-for-profit institutions f. State, Local or Tribal Government Required to obtain or retain benefits 1 Mandatory 13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden 14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of a. Number of respondents b. Total annual responses a. Total annualized capital/startup costs 1. Percentage of these responses b. Total annual costs (O&M) collected electronically c. Total annualized cost requested c. Total annual hours requested d. Current OMB inventory d. Current OMB inventory e. Difference e. Difference f. Explanation of difference f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change 1. Program change 2. Adjustment 2. Adjustment 16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (check all that apply) 15. Purpose of information collection (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") a. [ ] Recordkeeping b. [ ] Third party disclosure ] Reporting a. \_\_\_ Application for benefits Program planning or management 1. [ ] On occasion 2. [ ] Weekly Program evaluation f. Research 3. [ ] Monthly General purpose statistics g. Regulatory or compliance 4. [ ] Quarterly 5. [ ] Semi-annually 6. [ ] Annually 7. [ ] Biennially 8. [ ] Other (describe) 18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding 17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods the content of this submission) [ ] Yes [ ] No Phone:

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# 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.* 

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee Date

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Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)				
Signature	Date			
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer				
Signature	Date			

# SUPPORTING STATEMENT APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION IN THE NOAA OFFICER CORPS OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0047

#### A. JUSTIFICATION

# 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

The NOAA Corps is the seventh, and smallest, uniformed service of the United States. The current authorized end strength is 299 officers on the active duty list. Officers serve under Senate-confirmed appointments and Presidential commissions (see attached 33 U.S.C., Chapter 17, Subchapter 1, Sections 853 and 854). Officers may resign their commissions, or may request voluntary retirement when eligible. Each resignation or retirement creates a vacancy on the list of active duty officer, requiring a regular recruiting effort. It is this recruiting effort that makes the collection of appropriate personal, educational, professional qualifications information necessary in order to reach informed decisions on applicants.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

The information to be collected by this application form comprises, in substantial part, the initial information from which appointment recommendations will eventually be made. Applicants may apply on a year round basis, but the primary period of collection precedes the summer and winter college graduation periods. Candidate information provided through this form is used by the NOAA Commissioned Personnel Center (personnel office) and the NOAA Officer Personnel Board (selection board). This information is used by these bodies to assess whether a candidate meets or exceeds the statutory minimum appointment qualifications and other legal obligations of citizenship. For instance, there is a legal obligation to register for the Selective Service and this fact must be established before any candidate may be offered an appointment. Similarly, no candidate may be appointed who is not also a lawful U.S. citizen. Proof of citizenship must be established. Applicants who have prior uniformed service are eligible for appointment. The details of their prior service contribute to determining the grade in which they may be originally appointed, as well as what additional entitlements may accrue to them. A completed application is used to examine, rate and/or assess the level of qualification, suitability, and availability of candidates for appointment.

3. <u>Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.</u>

This NOAA Commissioned Personnel Center utilizes paper forms in its information gathering efforts to build and maintain an applicant pool to fill future vacancies. Fillable electronic forms are available for use as a source form, however, the information is not transmitted in the

electronic format. It must be printed and submitted as a paper form. Because of the nature and frequency of the selection board proceedings, paper forms are the only feasible and efficient means of obtaining and assessing this information.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

This is a unique application and there is no duplication with other efforts.

5. <u>If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.</u>

N/A

6. <u>Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.</u>

NOAA Corps could not collect the information needed to support authorized appointment of applicants for commissions in the Corps.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

None

8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice (copy attached) solicited public comment on this collection. No comments were received.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

None

10. <u>Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.</u>

Under DOC/NOAA Privacy Act Systems of Records: COMMERCE/NOAA-1 System name: Applicants for the NOAA Corps--Commerce/NOAA-1. System location: Office of the Director, NOAA Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Categories: Applicants for appointment in the NOAA Corps. Records: Name, social security number, letters of reference, physical examinations, college transcripts, statements of prior military service, recruiting officer's appraisal, personal resumes, and similar data necessary to be considered for a commission in the NOAA Corps. Authority: 33 U.S.C. 853i; 853j-1; 853t; 854; 854a-1. Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses: See routine use paragraphs of Prefatory Statement. General routine use No.12 does not apply. Also, Members of Congress, or others with a valid interest may inquire as to the status of the application or who may request reconsideration of a rejected application.

# 11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

None

# 12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

100 applicants: 1 application per applicant x 1 hour = 100 hours

500 referees: 100 applications x 5 references x 10 minutes/reference = 84 hours

Total of 600 respondents and 600 responses Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 184

# 13. <u>Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).</u>

100 applicants x \$35/applicant eye exam = \$3,500 100 applicants x \$11/applicant postage or delivery charge = \$1,100 Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$,4600

# 14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

Total annualized cost for recruiting/selection effort: \$79,700 Recruiting officer salary + travel = \$60,000 Clerical support = \$9000 Election Board proceedings (2/year) = \$10,700 (includes salaries, travel, and logistical costs)

<b>15.</b>	<b>Explain the reasons for</b>	any program	changes or	<u>r adjustments</u>	reported in	<u>Items</u>	<u>13 or</u>
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There are no differences.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

N/A

17. <u>If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.</u>

N/A

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

N/A

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NOAA COMMISSIONED CORPS

Read these instructions carefully before completing the attached forms.

- A. Forms you must submit to the recruiting officer:
  - ONE signed copy of Application for a Commission in the NOAA Officer Corps, NOAA Form 56-42.
    - (a) Fill in questions completely. If item is not applicable, write "N/A".
    - (b) List all previous employment including part-time or summer jobs.
    - (c) Item 19, military service, must be answered. If this section does not apply to you, put "NONE" under organization. If applicable, provide a description of military experience in Section V.B.
    - (d) References should be the same as those named in the Reference Letters. (See B2)
  - 2. Certified copy of any Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214) and Discharge Certificate received from a Uniformed Service.
  - 3. Prior Fitness Reports (performance evaluations), most recent three reports, for those seeking Inter Service Transfers.
- B. The following must be forwarded directly to the recruiting officer:
  - 1. Certified official transcript(s) of all your college records to be forwarded by the school(s).
  - 2. Reference Letters, NOAA Form 56-42D, shall be from a minimum of three references named in the application (NOAA Form 56-42). A minimum of three reference letters are required to complete the application package, but five are preferred. Reference letter forms, with envelopes addressed to the recruiting officer, are enclosed for return mail from each reference. References should be RECENT professors and/or employers who can attest to your professional qualifications and background. Make sure your reference's name and address are shown after "TO" and your name is listed after "RE" on each letter. (For those downloading these forms on-line, the completed reference letters should be mailed to:

NOAA Corps Recruiting Office Commissioned Personnel Center 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12100 Silver Spring, MD 20910

C. Be sure to check the application forms for errors and unanswered questions. Any forms completed incorrectly will be returned to the applicant for corrections, thus delaying the final outcome of the application.

Normally, processing of an application requires two to four months from the time all documents are returned.

If you have not done so, you must schedule a personal interview with a NOAA Corps Recruiting Officer.

# Specific Instructions for Questions:

- Item 1. Give your full name.
- Item 2. Enter your Social Security Number (SSN). See attached Privacy Act Notice regarding disclosure.
- Item 3. Enter your present address
- Item 4. Selective Service Registration: Males born after December 31, 1959, may be required to register with Selective Service. For more information visit [www.sss.gov].
- Item 5. If the present address where you can be reached is temporary, please provide "permanent" locator information. This information should also include telephone numbers (area code, number).
- Item 6. Your date of birth will determine your eligibility for appointment. 33 USC 3021(a) (2)(A) meets the qualification requirements specified in paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 532(a) title 10, United States Code
- Item 7. Enter your place of birth (City and State).
- Item 8. Provide information required to determine citizenship. Only United States citizens can be appointed in the NOAA Commissioned Corps. You will be prequired to furnish proof of your United States citizenship prior to being found qualified for appointment to the NOAA Commissioned Corps.
  - a. If you were born in country other than the United States, you must provide sufficient information to permit verification of your citizenship and to conduct the suitability investigation required for all applicants.
  - b. Applicants born in a country other than the United States whose Parents Were U.S. Citizens. Submit a copy (DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL) of a Consulate Report of Birth (Foreign Service Form 240).
  - c. Naturalized Citizen Applicants. You must possess a Certificate of Naturalization to be considered for commissioning.
- Item 9. Date available for commissioning or service transfer
- Item 10. Indicate whether you are willing to accept assignments in any location. Indicating No will eliminate you from consideration for a commission.
- Item 11. Indicate whether you are willing to relocate. Indicating No will eliminate you from consideration for a commission.

Item 12. Give full name of college, university, or other institution, including location (City, State). OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE REQUIRED. Student copies are not acceptable. If available, submit with your application. You must have your official transcripts forwarded to:

NOAA Corps Recruiting Office Commissioned Personnel Center 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12100 Silver Spring, MD 20910.

NO APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSIONED CORPS CAN BE MADE WITHOUT RECEIPT OF ALL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS. NOTE: A baccalaureate degree must have been conferred by a college, university, or academy listed in the latest "Directory of Post Secondary Institutions, Volume 1" issued periodically by the U.S. Department of Education. Be sure to list your degree, number of credit hours earned, years attended, and major (if declared).

- Item 13. Provide grade point average (GPA) for your undergraduate and graduate work.
- Item 14. Provide the total number of semester or quarter hours for the following: Calculus, Physics, and Total Science, Math and Engineering.
- Item 15. List the courses and credit hours remaining to be met prior to graduation.
- Item 16. List any educational honors, scholarships, professional societies or fraternities, or community groups involved in.
- Section IV. Indicate Yes or No. If not applicable, indicate in the corresponding text box. Furnish details for all Yes responses.
- Item 24. Service in any of the Uniformed Services of the United States may be creditable toward pay, allowances, and retirement as an officer in the NOAA Commissioned Corps. Please be sure to indicate whether your service was "Active" or "Inactive." Certified copy of any Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214) and Discharge Certificate received from an Armed Force should be submitted with the application, if available.
- Section V.B. Include a complete list of your paid and/or volunteer work experience
- Item 25. Indicate whether or not an inquiry may be made of your present employer. If No is selected, an inquiry will only be made following specified permission.

- Section V.C Provide a personal statement highlighting your career goals, reasons for seeking a NOAA Corps Commission and a discussion on your feelings about a tour of duty at sea, as well as future assignments. Please provide the statement in the provided section. If you wish you may provide this statement on an attached sheet. This personal statement should be no longer than one page.
- Item 26-29. List professional licenses or certificates
- Item 30. List all specialized skills.
- Item 31. List other qualifications not covered (e.g., Foreign languages, patents, or publications).
- Section VII. Reference Letters: List the names and contact information of five references provided with NOAA Form 56-42D. You must use as references those individuals who are knowledgeable about your professional work or training. Your family members, relatives, etc., are not acceptable. Preferred references are those from your clergyman, Professors, and employment supervisors. References should be provided with NOAA Form 56-42D and the completed reference should be forwarded directly to the NOAA Corps Recruiting Office at:

NOAA Corps Recruiting Office Commissioned Personnel Center 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12100 Silver Spring, MD 20910.

- Item 32-35 Answer a Yes or No to the questions posed. If Yes is provided, please give complete details in the adjacent space or under section IX.
- Section X. Sign and date your application. Only signed applications will be processed for appointment review.

Furnishing this data is voluntary for use in determining your qualifications for appointment in the NOAA Corps.

NOAA Form 56-42

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#### PRIVACY ACT ADVISORY STATEMENT

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that you be given certain information in connection with the information solicited on the attached forms. The data is required under 33 USC 3002 -3072 The information requested in this form is utilized to evaluate your qualifications. The furnishing of this data is voluntary for use in determining your qualifications for appointment in the NOAA Corps. Failure to provide the requested data will preclude your consideration for appointment.

THE AUTHORITY FOR THE COLLECTION OF THIS DATA IS: 33 U.S.C. 3001-3072

Under DOC/NOAA Privacy Act Systems of Records: COMMERCE/NOAA - routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses: See routine use paragraphs of Prefatory Statement. General routine use No.12 does not apply. Also to respond to the applicant, Members of Congress, or others with a valid interest who may inquire as to the status of the application or who may request reconsideration of a rejected application.

Systems exempted from certain provisions of the act: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5), all investigatory material in the record which meets the criteria of 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5) is exempted from the notice, access, and contest requirements (under 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f)) of the agency regulations in order to fulfill commitments made to protect the confidentiality of sources, and to maintain access to sources of information which are necessary to determine applicant's suitability for employment in the NOAA Corps.

#### PREFATORY STATEMENT OF GENERAL ROUTINE USES

The following routine uses apply to, and are incorporated by reference into, each system of records set forth below:

- 1. In the event that a system of records maintained by the department to carry out its functions indicates a violation or potential violation of law or contract, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute or contract, or rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto, or the necessity to protect an interest of the Department, the relevant records in the system of records may be referred, as a routine use, to the appropriate agency, whether federal, state, local or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute or contract, or rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, or protecting the interest of the Department.
- 2. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, state or local agency maintaining civil, criminal or other relevant enforcement information or other pertinent information, such as current licenses if necessary to obtain information relevant to a Department decision concerning the hiring or retention of an individual, the issuance of a security clearance, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant or other benefit.
- 3. A record from this system may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, state, or local, or international agency, in response to its request, in connection with the assignment, hiring or retention of an individual, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an individual, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.
- 4. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use in the course of presenting evidence to acourt, magistrate or administrative tribunal, including disclosures to opposing counsel in the course of settlement negotiations.
- 5. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with resepct to the subject matter of the record.
- A record in this system of records which contains medical information may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the medical advisor of any indi-

- vidual submitting a request for access to the record under the Act and 15 CFR Part 4b if, in the sole judgement of the Department, disclosure could have an adverse effect upon the individual, under the provision of 5 U.S.C. 552a(f) (3) and implementing regulations at 15 CFR 4b.6.
- 7. Deleted, Reserved.
- A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Office of Managmenet and Budget in connection with the review of private relief legislation as set forth in OMB Circular No. A-19 at any state of the legislative coordination and clearance process as set forth in that Circular.
- A record in this system may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Department of Justice in connection with determining whether disclosure thereof is required by the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. 552.
- 10. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Deapartment having need for the information in the performance of the contract, but not operating a system of records within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
- 11. Deleted, Reserved.
- 12. A record in this system may be transferred, as a routine use, to the Office of Personnel Management for personnel research purposes; as a data source for management information; for the production of summary descriptive statistics and analytical studies in support of the function for which the records are collected and maintained; or for related man-power studies.
- 13. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Archivist of the United States, National Archives & Records Administration (NARA), or his designee, during an inspection of records conducted by NARA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the NARA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and other relevant (i.e., NARA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

The Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to 1 hours (or 60 minutes) per response for the application form and 10 minutes per response for the references. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to NOAA Commissioned Personnel Center, 1315 East-West Highway, Suite 12100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.



# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Dear

The individual named above is applying for an appointment in the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, one of the seven uniformed services, and has furnished your name as a reference.

Appointment standards require that applicants be technically oriented college graduates who are mature, intelligent and possess high moral standards. Those who are selected will have an opportunity to receive training and schooling in technical fields to improve and advance their knowledge and skills in subjects essential to the Nation's interest.

Commissioned personnel who cannot adjust to service life must be discharged, causing emotional distress to the individual as well as loss to the Government. By giving your frank opinion of the service potential of the applicant, you will be rendering service to both the applicant and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Your responses to the questions listed on the reverse side of this letter will be of invaluable assistance in determining the service potential of the applicant. Any additional comments you may wish to make regarding the applicant's character, background and activities will be most appreciated.

Please mail the form to the Recruiting Office at the following address: Recruiting Office NOAA Commissioned Personnel Center 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12100 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Sincerely,

Recruiting Officer

NOAA FORM 56-42D

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# TITLE 33--NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS

# CHAPTER 17--NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY

# SUBCHAPTER I--GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 854. Qualification of officers for appointment or promotion generally

No person shall be appointed ensign and no commissioned officer shall be promoted to a higher permanent grade on the active list until he has passed a satisfactory mental and physical examination in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce.

(May 22, 1917, ch. 20, Sec. 16, 40 Stat. 88; June 21, 1955, ch. 172, Sec. 2(a), 69 Stat. 169.)

# Codification

Section is part of section 16 of act May 22, 1917. Portions of the original text were omitted as temporary and executed. Section 16 is also classified to sections 855, 856, 857, and 858 of this title.

### Amendments

1955--Act June 21, 1955, struck out certain obsolete titles of positions.

Section Referred to in Other Sections

This section is referred to in section 854a-1 of this title.

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### TITLE 33--NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS

# CHAPTER 17--NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY

# SUBCHAPTER I--GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 853t. Original appointments

(a) Eligible grades; examination; revocation of commission

Original appointments may be made in grades up to and including lieutenant after passage of a mental and physical examination given in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce: Provided, That the President, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may revoke the commission of any officer appointed under this section during his first three years of service if he is found not qualified for the service.

# (b) Lineal list

Any person appointed under authority of this section shall be placed on the lineal list of active duty officers in a position commensurate with his age, education, and experience in accordance, with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce.

- (c) Basic pay service credit
- (1) For the purposes of basic pay any person appointed under this section to the grade of lieutenant or lieutenant (junior grade) shall be considered as having, on date of appointment, three years or one and one-half years service respectively.
- (2) If a person appointed under this section is entitled to credit for the purpose of basic pay under other provision of law which would

exceed that authorized by subsection (c)(1) of this section he shall be credited with that service in lieu of the credit provided by subsection (c)(1) of this section.

(June 3, 1948, ch. 390, Sec. 23, as added Pub. L. 87-233, Sec. 1(h), Sept. 14, 1961, 75 Stat. 506.)

# **Delegation of Functions**

Functions of President under subsec. (a) delegated to Secretary of Commerce, see section 1(g) of Ex. Ord. No. 11023, May 28, 1962, 27 F.R. 5131, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request a Review, 70 FR 16799 (April 1, 2005). The Department received timely requests for review from Colakoglu Metalurji A.S. and Colakoglu Dis Ticaret (collectively "Colakoglu"); Diler Demir Celik Endustrisi ve Ticaret A.S., Yazici Demir Celik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S., and Diler Dis Ticaret A.S. (collectively ''Diler''); Habas Sinai ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi A.S. (Habas); and ICDAS Celik Enerji Tersane ve Ulasim Sanayi A.S. (ICDAS), foreign producers/ exporters in this proceeding. The Department also received a timely request for review from Nucor Corporation and Gerdau Ameristeel Corporation, domestic producers of rebar and interested parties in this proceeding, covering 34 producers/ exporters of rebar from Turkey, including the producers/exporters referenced above. On May 27, 2005, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on rebar from Turkey. See Initiation of Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part, 70 FR 30694 (May 27, 2005). The Department released the antidumping questionnaire in May and August 2005 to the 34 producers/ exporters for which an administrative review was requested. Colakoglu, Diler, Ekinciler Demir ve Celik Sanayi A.S. and Ekinciler Dis Ticaret A.S., and Habas responded to the Department's questionnaire in August 2005 and ICDAS responded to the Department's questionnaire in October 2005. The preliminary results for this proceeding are due no later than May 1, 2006.

#### Scope of the Order

The product covered by this order is all stock deformed steel concrete reinforcing bars sold in straight lengths and coils. This includes all hot-rolled deformed rebar rolled from billet steel, rail steel, axle steel, or low-alloy steel. It excludes (i) plain round rebar, (ii) rebar that a processor has further worked or fabricated, and (iii) all coated rebar. Deformed rebar is currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tarif Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers 7213.10.000 and 7214.20.000. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

#### **Determination To Rescind, in Part**

On November 8, 2005, the Department published its final results for the April

1, 2003, though March 31, 2004, administrative review and found that ICDAS met the requirements of revocation as described in 19 CFR 351.222. See Certain Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From Turkey: Final Results, Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review in Part, and Determination To Revoke in Part, 70 FR 67665 (Nov. 8, 2005). Due to ICDAS' revocation in that review, we are rescinding the April 1, 2004, through March 31, 2005, administrative review with respect to ICDAS because there is no statutory or regulatory basis to conduct an administrative review for a producer/exporter that has met the requirements of revocation.

Dated: January 12, 2006.

#### David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

International Trade Administration, North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews

**AGENCY:** NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision of panel.

SUMMARY: On January 17, 2006 the binational panel issued its decision in the review of the determination on remand made by the International Trade Commission, respecting Magnesium from Canada Full Sunset Review of AD and CVD Orders, Secretariat File No. USA-CDA-2000-1904-09. The binational panel affirmed in part and remanded in part to the International Trade Commission. Copies of the panel decision are available from the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482–5438.

Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482–5438. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final

determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the Federal Register on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter has been conducted in accordance with these Rules. Panel Decision: The panel affirmed in part and remanded in part the International Trade Commission's determination on remand respecting Magnesium from Canada. The panel remand in part to the Commission and instructed the Commission as follows: Analyze the price, volume and impact of revocation of the countervailing duty order on alloy magnesium to show how the record supports the Commission's conclusions, providing a reasoned explanation based on all of the evidence on the record to support a decision that revocation of the countervailing duty order on imports of allov magnesium from Canada would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic alloy magnesium industry within the reasonably foreseeable future due to underselling by Magnola. The Commission must provide further reasoned analysis supported by substantial evidence on the record, including any factual evidence not referred to in its Views on Remand, as to the conclusion that Magnola would enter the market by underselling in order to establish export volumes that would be significant in relation to anticipated demand increases. The Commission is directed to respond to this Order within sixty (60) days of receipt.

Dated: January 17, 2006.

#### Caratina L. Alston,

U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat. [FR Doc. E6–655 Filed 1–20–06; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–GT–P

#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Application for Commission in the NOAA Officer Corps

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to LTJG Nicole Manning, 301-713-3453, ext. 119 or Nicole.Manning@noaa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

The NOAA Corps is the smallest of the seven uniformed services of the United States and is an integral part of NOAA. The NOAA Corps provides a cadre of professionals trained in engineering, earth sciences, oceanography, meteorology, fisheries science, and other related disciplines who serve in assignments within the five major Line Offices of NOAA. Persons wishing to obtain a NOAA Corps Commission must submit an application package, including an eye test and five references.

#### II. Method of Collection

Paper forms are submitted via mail in postage-paid envelopes.

#### III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0047. Form Number: NOAA Forms 56-42, 56-42A, 56-42C, 56-42D.

Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Estimated Time per Response: 2

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 260.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$5,850.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 17, 2006.

#### Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric** Administration

**Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request: American Fisheries** Act: Recordkeeping and Reporting

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

The American Fisheries Act (AFA) was signed into law in October of 1998. The AFA established an allocation program for the pollock fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). The purposes of the AFA were to tighten U.S. ownership standards that had been exploited under the Anti-reflagging Act, to provide Alaska's BSAI pollock fleet the opportunity to conduct their fishery in a more rational manner, and to protect non-AFA participants in other

Reduced bycatch, higher utilization rates, increased economic returns, and improved safety are among the direct benefits of the AFA. The flexibility provided by cooperatives and by individual vessel allocations of pollock and other species has allowed the BSAI pollock fleet to spread their fishing effort in time and space, thus somewhat mitigating the negative impacts of the Steller sea lion (SSL) conservation and protection measures. The BSAI pollock quota is suballocated to groups of vessel owners who form fishing vessel cooperatives. The cooperative management structure has shifted more of the monitoring and enforcement burden to the cooperatives and their members, allowing NMFS to manage the fishery more precisely.

In order to make timely management decisions on closures, NMFS requires shoreside processors and stationary floating processors to use shoreside processor electronic logbook report (SPELR) to provide catcher vessel delivery information describing daily harvests of pollock and sideboard species on a vessel-by-vessel basis. The SPELR software provided by NMFS has automatic features that allow the users to effect file transfer by computer modem to the NMFS communication server, or file transfer can occur as an attachment to an e-mail message.

#### II. Method of Collection

Electronic files, paper reports, and paper applications are required from participants. Methods of submittal include transfer by computer modem, transfer by e-mail attachment, and facsimile transmission.

#### III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0401. Form Number: None. Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Individuals or household; business or other for-profits organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

26.